

Safety Tips While Shopping

- ◆ Shop during daylight hours. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member and shop where you are familiar.
- ◆ Avoid being targeted by wearing expensive jewelry or carrying a big expensive purse.
- ◆ Stay alert to your surroundings and modify your direction of travel if necessary.
- ◆ Avoid carrying large amounts of cash or all your credit cards. Use a debit card or a credit card.
- ◆ If you must carry cash or a wallet, carry it in your front pocket. This will minimize the chance of your pocket being picked.
- ◆ Avoid overloading yourself with packages and it is important to have a clear sightline.
- ◆ Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. Any time of the year, con artists may try various methods to distract you.
- ◆ Keep a record of all your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.
- ◆ Park in a well-lighted space, close to your destination and be sure to lock your car, close the windows, and take the keys with you when you leave.
- ◆ Place shopping bags, gifts and other valuable items in the trunk before you arrive at your destination. If putting purchases in the trunk while shopping, consider moving your car to a new location.
- ◆ Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security person if you get separated.
- ◆ Remember where you parked your vehicle.
- ◆ Have your car keys in hand when approaching your vehicle.